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SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY, GINZBURG, ORLOV

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM AMERICAN
SOURCES AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS:

2. --SHCHARANSKIY'S LAWYER HAS BEEN NAMED. SHE IS SILVA
DUBROVSKAYA, SAID TO BE JEWISH, IN HER FIFTIES, A MEMBER
OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE MOSCOW COLLEGIUM OF LAWYERS, AND
CLOSE TO ITS CHAIRMAN, APRAKSIN. SHE IS REPORTED TO HAVE
BEEN INVOLVED IN CASES OF MAJOR ECONOMIC CRIMES. SHE
REPORTEDLY RECENTLY TOLD AN AMERICAN LAWYER WHO TELEPHONED
HER THAT WESTERNERS WERE MEDDLING IN THE CASE WHICH SHE
DESCRIBED AS ONE OF "SIMPLE TREASON."

3. --GINZBURG'S LAWYER IS ONE REZNIKOVA, FURTHER DETAILS
UNKNOWN.

4. --ORLOV'S LETTER TO HIS WIFE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT HE
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DID NOT WISH TO ENGAGE A LAWYER AND THAT HE WOULD ACT AS
HIS OWN DEFENSE ATTORNEY. CHRISTOPHER

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